

Elections and Voter Registration

Town Elections, Candidate Nominations, and Voter Registration procedures are stipulated in Article III of the

[Town Election Schedule](#)

Town Elections

Town elections are held on the first Monday in May (For the 2012 Election this will be May 7th). In even numbered years, all council members are elected; in odd numbered years the voters elect three council members. Elected officials serve two years. Elections are held at 7:00 P.M. in the post office lobby, Penn Place, 4600 Waverly Avenue.

Typically election results are tabulated the evening of the Election Day and a swearing-in ceremony and the town bell is rung before the election results are announced.

[Ordinance 2011-01](#): An Ordinance to Clarify and Reform the Town of Garrett Park's Voter Registration Procedures

Candidate Nominations

Candidates are nominated for elective office at a town meeting in March or by a petition signed by ten registered voters 21 days before the election (April 16th).

Voter Registration

Both U.S. Citizens and non-citizens who are properly registered Town residents may vote in all Town elections.

U. S. Citizens: A Garrett Park resident who is a United States citizen must be registered with the Montgomery County's voter list at the time of a Town election. Information and voter registration forms can be found on the [county website](#). Forms are also available at the Garrett Park Post Office and the Town Office. Registration must take place at least 30 days before the election for the voter to be placed on the county's voters list.

Non-U. S. Citizens: A Garrett Park resident who is not a United States citizen is permitted to vote in all Town elections if registered with the Town at the time of an election. [Non-citizen voter registration form](#) may be downloaded from the Town Office. Registration must take place at least 30 days prior to the election for the voter to be placed on the town's voters list.

Absentee Ballots

Please Note There Are New Procedures: Absentee ballot procedures are stipulated in the [Code of Ordinances](#) Form.

Qualified voters who are unable to come to the polls on the day of the election may apply to the Town Office for absentee ballots. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Office during regular office hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) until May 3rd (applications may be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the voter). On May 3rd and 4th, late applications are accepted by email, but can no longer be mailed. On Election Day, May 7th, applications for absentee ballots are available from the Town Office. The application makes provision for a voter to designate an agent who may pick up and deliver the absentee ballot receipt of a properly completed application, which may be filed in person, by mail, email, fax, or an agent in person, by mail, or to the voter's agent. Voters who plan to receive and/or deliver their absentee ballots should allow time for the U. S. Postal Service to deliver the mail. No absentee ballot received after 7:30 pm on Election Day.

